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SUBJECT: Wafa wa Amal - Mrs. Sadat's Charity

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1. GENERAL DOCTOR HASSAN HOSNI CONTACTED US SEPT 26 TO ADVISE THAT MINISTRY OF RECONSTRUCTION EVALUATION OF DESIGN ENGINEERS OF THE Wafa wa Amal Project Completed. American firm Perkins and Will received first priority. American firm Kaiser is ranked second. British firm is ranked third. Hosni informed us that invitation to Perkins and Will to proceed to Cairo to discuss particulars has been issued separately but he did not know when Cairo meetings would take place.

2. RE MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS DISCUSSION WITH HEW AND AID DURING HER WASHINGTON VISIT ABOUT HELP FOR Wafa wa Amal Society, Hosni said that she was acting on instruction of Mrs. Sadat, who is keen on developing some sort of agreement to be announced during her visit to us with Pres Sadat in October. Mrs. Sadat hoped that, by Aid's taking on some portion of project, it would then "also oversee financial aspects", as Hosni put it. Hosni said that after meeting with Minister of Social Affairs he will contact us to let us know where matters stand.

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3. REGARDING PIO/T FOR JOE TRAUB, HOSNI WHO TALKED TO MRS.

SADAT SEPT 25, SAID THAT SHE IS AGREEABLE TO ANYTHING BUT FEELS SHE SHOULD DISCUSS IT PERSONALLY WITH TRAUB DURING THE OCTOBER VISIT.

4. FYI: IN CONNECTION WITH MINISTER RATEB'S VISIT, DURING PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING HER RETURN SEPTEMBER 25, SHE SAID THAT SHE HAD GAINED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR THE PROVISION OF A FULLY EQUIPED HOSPITAL FOR THE WAF WA AMAL SOCIETY AS A GIFT FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.
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